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OFFICIAL.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, August 20, 1856. Whereas the following joint resolution of Congress

JOHNT RESOLUTION extending the time for the creditors of Texas to present their claims. Besideed by the Senate and House of Representatipes of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That as, agreeably to the provision of the fourth section of the act of the 28th of February, 1865, " to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September 9th, 1850," notice, by public advertisement, was duly given for the space of ninety days by the Secretary of the Trea-ury, of the time at which payment of the amount appropriated by the afth section of said act would be made, pro rate, on any bind, certificate, or evidence of debt of said state, which should be presented at the Treasury Department thirty days preceding the 13th day of June, 1856, the limit of said notice; and as it is represented by the said Socretary of the Treasury, that of said bonds, certificates, and evidences of debt, which have been recognized by the State of Texas, the same, equal to the sum of three hundred and eighty nine thousand six bundred and ninety three dollars and seven cents were not presented to the Treasury Department prior to the said 13th of June, therefore, in order to do full justice to the holders of said debt, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby an horized to pay to the holders of any of the said bonds, certificates, or evidences, of debt, not presented before the 13th day of June last, who may present and prove the same at the Treasury Department, between the 13th day of June last and the 1st day of January next, and execute the proper releases to the United States and the State of Texas, their pro rate share of the said seven multion seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and after payment thereof, the said Secre tary of the Treasury is authorized and required to distribute and gay the residue of the said seven mil lions seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, then remaining in the treasury, pro rata, amongst all the said holders who may have proved their claims, and executed the proper releases on or before the 1st day

Approved August 18th, 1856. Noriosis assaur gives to the holders of bonds, certificates, and evidences of debt of the late repubtte of Texes, which were not presented at this department on or before the 13th day of June last, that the same will be settled and the pro rata amount hereon will be paid to the lawful holders thereof if presented before the first day of January next, accompanied with the necessary evidence of their gennineness, with assignments to the United States, required to give this department the custody of such bonds, cer wificutes, and evidences of debt, and with releases to the United States and Texas, iu accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress of 28th February, 1856.

of January next.

This department will not require evidence of gennineness to be presented with the certificates issued by the auditor and comptroller of Texas under the laws of the State. But it possesses no means of verfying the certificates, bonds and promissory notes secred by the republic of Texas, and not presented to, nor audited by, the officers of the State. The necessary and proper proof of the genuineness of the latter is the certificate of the comptroller of the State of Texas, who has the official charge of the original are vives relating to the debt of the late re

The assignment and releases may be executed debt of the routhic of Texas cannot be specified by and acknowledged in the presence of the Assistant

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Secretary of the Treasury, or the chief clerk thereof. in the presence of a notary public, and be witnessed by the Assistant Secretary, or chief clerk and nota m, and be certified by the notary under his notarial seal; but when the holders desire to make the assignment and execute the rolenses out of the city of Washington, it may be done in the presence of an assistant treasurer, or collector, or surveyer of the oustoms, in the presence of a notary public, and be witnessed by the collector or surveyor and the notary public, and be certified by the netary under his notarial seal; and if there be no collector or surveyor of the customs at the place where the party resides, the assignment and releases may be executed before any court of record, in the presence of the judge and clerk thereof, and be witnessed by them, and certified by the clerk under his seal of office; and if the holder be out of the United States, the assignment and releases may be executed before any United States consul, and be witnessed and certified by him under his consular seal. All persons exe cuting such assignments and releases must also declare, underoath, before the notary, clerk, or con sul, as the case may be, that they are the real owners of the certificates or other evidences of debt, or that the same have been assigned to them, bond fide, for collection; and the notary, clerk, or consul must include the fact of that declaration in their certifi ate ofacknowledgment.

if assigned for collection, or in pledge, the name of the party holding the beneficial or residuary inerest in the claim must be stated in the affidavit and a release to the United States and release to Texas must be duly executed by such party, together with the assignment and releases from the person in whose favor settlement and payment is

One or more audited certificates, or one or more evidence of the same character of debt, may be included in the same assignment, releases, and affidavit of ownership, if each certificate is correctly described by number, date, amount, and name of the original payee. It should also appear whether the certificates were issued by the authorities of the State of Texas, on account of the debt of the republic, or were issued by the republic of Texas, accord ing to the facts of each case.

The assignment to the United States may be made in common form ; the releases should be drawn according to the forms subjoined-A and B.

JAMES GUTHRIE. Secretary of the Treasury.

Know all persons by these presents that -- has released, and hereby releases, the United States of America from all further liability or claim for the payment of certificate or evidence of debt number \_\_\_\_\_, for the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, issued by the late republic of Texas, (or by the authorities of the State of Texas, as the case may be,) and redeemed by the United States in accordance with the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide tor the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September nine, eighteen hundred and fifty," approved the 28th day of Fedruary, 1855, and an act of the state of Texas, approved the 1st of February, 1856.

As witness my hand and seal.

Know all persons by these presents that has released, and hereby releases, the State of Texas from all further liability or claim for the payment of certificate or evidence of debt number , for the sum of 8, issued by the late reof Texas, as the case may bc,) and redeemed by the United States in accordance with the provistous of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September nine, eighteen hundred and fifty," approved the 28th of February, 1855, and an act of the State of Texas, approved the 1st of February.

As witness my hand and seal.

The following is a list of the audited certificates

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AFTERNOON for Young Ladies, Misses, and Masters, from 3 until 6 o'clock, and on the same evenings at 8 for gentlemen. Owing to the unusual large number of pupils in his classes this season, and the great success of

his class in the first seciety of Baltimore, compells him to limit the number of pupils taken for the balance of the season. The public are well aware that Prof. M. spares neither time nor patience to render the most un-

skilful pupit perfect.
He invites ladies and gentlemen generally of respectability and standing, to visit his class and witness the improvement of his pupils in the few pleasant lessons that has past. It is desirable that all who wish to participate in his May Exhibition should enter contribute the standard of the standa should enter early this year, as the dances in preparation are more complicated than any heretoore introduced.

WINTER MILLINERY. MES. M. A. HILLS WILL OPEN
Winter Millinery on Wednesday,
November 12th, at No. 295 Pennsylvania avenue, between 9th and 10th streets

TUST RECEIVEDchests Imperial, Gunpowder, Young Hyson, and Black TEAS 70 bags, Java, Maracaibo, and Rio COFFEE 40 pockets Old Government Java 50 boxes Ground 40 packages Crushed, Powdered, and Granu-

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25 pails George & Jenkin's Refined LARD

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HARPER & MITCHELL, nov 27-eo3t Pa. av., bet. 9th and 10th sts. OFFEE, TEA, &c. 100 bags Rio COFFEE 80 pockets Java do

75 boxes fresh Ground do 175 half-chests fresh TEA 20 boxes MACCARONI and Vermecelli 150 dozen YEAST POWDER Just received per schooner Arctic, and for sale MURRAY & SEMMES.

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100 do Painted BUCKETS 50 do Covered do 60 nest Willow BASKETS 50 dozen CORDS and LINES 250 gross MATCHES 25 dozen WASHBOARDS. Just received and for sale by nov 27-eo6t MURRAY & SEMMES

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BUTTER, CHEESE, BUCKWHEAT, &c. 40 kegs prime GOSHEN BUTTER 100 boxes do 10 casks do do CHEESE do 10,000 lbs. prime new-hulled BUCKWHEAT 10 bbls No. 1 MACKEREL 10 half bbls No. 1 do 5,000 lbs. Grand Bank CODF18H

50 boxes Scaled HERRINGS. Just received, per schooner Arctic, from New York, and for sale by nov 26-W,S,M2w BARBOUR & SEMMES. DEAS, COFFEE, CIGARS, &c. 1 97 half chests Imperial, Gun Powder, Young Hyson, and Black TEA

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WEAST POWDERS, SPICES, &c. 1 50 boxes Babbitt's YEAST POWDERS 10 kegs SALERATUS 9 do BREAD SODA

3,000 lbs SAL SODA 10 do SALT PETRE 50 cans MUSTARD 25 do ALLSPICE, CINNAMON. CLOVES 10 bags GRAIN PÉPPER 4 do Grain CLOVES and ALLSPICE 75 lbs NUTMEGS and MACE

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BROOMS, BUCKETS, BRUSHES, &c. 60 do 2 and 3 hoop BUCKETS do DUSTERS 10 20 do SCRUB BRUSHES 10 Nest CEDAR TUBS

5 Cases SUGAR BOXES

125 DEMIJOHNS, 1, 2, 3, 5 Gallons 100 Gross Round Wood MATCHES 95 do Small Paper 80 do McGuigan's York, and for sale by
BARBOUR & SEMMES. EVENING STAR.

THE RANGER IN NEW ORLEANS.

But a few years ago, an immense sensation was produced among the excitable and sightloving citizens of New Orleans, by the appearance of two rainbow-colored Mexican blankets in their gayest thoroughfares and places of public amusement. The effect did not result lieve that he is charmed against lead and so much from the singularity of the curious costume, by no means rara avis in terris to the good people of the river Crescent, as from the rich brilliancy of the article, and the brave looks and demeanor of the wearers. Indeed, their martial aspect would have rendered them the objects of attention in any capital of the civilized or savage world; for their every gesture, glance and motion, an-nounced cool self-possession, and even reckless prowess. Their very boot-heels, as they cracket like pistol shots on the pavement, sounded as a sort of general defiance and challenge to all mankind

Of the many external tokens which reveal the interior spirit of the individual, perhaps there is none so evident and unerring as the gait Who can fail to discover the millionaire by his measured, steady, solemn tread, apparently counting his steps, as if each were worth some thousands, while he keeps his shining written in enormous gilt letters the name of beaver erect and pointed towards the zenith ike a golden crown? Nobody ever mistakes modern reformer - the member of all the new patent societies for the emasculation of the soul, and the universal feminization of the world! His coat tail hangs down with a pitiful air, and his very countenance seems to bear about with it a perpetual apology for the daring presumption of his unnecessary existence in the realms of space. His footfalls cause no echo on the earth, and the meek, shrinking look of his eye says, in plain pantomime-"Oh! pray let no one insult me, for I am a philosopher, and cannot fight a duel!"

Very different was the walk of the comrades under the Mexican blankets. They consciously felt the solidity of the great globe beneath their feet, and had no fears of its crust breakcient quantity of air and sunshine as their birthright, for which they stood ready to battle against all monopolists and tyrants until death. One of them was a handsome man, of gence, and good humor, while the other, tall, massive, and powerful, could not have seen his over the columns with twenty fifth summer. His long yellow hair felt himself at home. fell in waves round his large but symmetrical shoulders, and his bright blue eye twinkled with mischievous mirth.

"See how they stare their admiration for us, Jack Hays," remarked the youth, laughing, and giving his rainbow-radiant shawl an extra toss, that showed all its sparkling tints in the sunbeam; "the girls of the Blue Royal and Charles street will dream about our rich blankets for a month."

"Let us wear our gay ornaments with due modesty, Ben," replied Hays; "the French fops, in this part of the city, are quite fiery, I assure you, and the first thing we know may be an insult, a knock down, and the inevitable sequel, a duel with small swords or pis-'Oh, how I should like that!" exclaimed

the young man, ardently; and his blue eyes burned like stars; "I have fought enough with English, Irish, Germans-indeed, with nearly every race; but unfortunately have never had an affair with one of the frogeating nation." "Yes-and I can well wouch for the fact-

they are the ugliest customers of all, especially in New Orleans, where many of their professional bullies live, at least half their time, in the shooting gallery and fencing school," returned the other, seriously. "But what is all that compared to the prac-

tice of a Texan Ranger?" cried Ben, with en-thusiastic admiration. "We learn to aim at live Camanches instead of paper figures, and Mexican blanket in his arm chair!" exclaimwhen the bullet strikes it does not ring the ed a third. "I would rather sit on the brink bell but the death-howl of the Indian war- of a burning crater !" affirmed a fourth. rior!" "I would never advise a friend of mine to

bloodshed." "Such is my opinion, too," affirmed the

youth, with a slight blush; "but I would as soon receive a blow in the face as a contemptuous look, and such has been the real found ation of all my dozen combats.' "You should first have sought an amiable

explanation, before proceeding to the fatal is sue," urged the other. "The countenance of man is, at best, a difficult cipher to read, and whenever you like," answered Ben, in a calm very liable to be mistranslated, even by the best interpreter."

"Well, to please you I will be more cautious on the next occasion," said Ben, with a for a glass of wine. tinge of malice in his smile

The companions now sauntered up the Rue all the inmates of the houses swarmed to the doors and shop windows to gaze at the Texan strangers; for such everybody recognized them to be without hesitation. Hays, however, soon felt as much surprised as he was

among the crowd. At length a stentorian voice hailed them from one of the cross streets-" Is that you, Captain Hays?-aye, and Ben Cullum, too? from the moon?"

friends simultaneously as their old acquaintance advanced, with a certain air of exhila- of a Frenchman. ration, to shake their hands. The General was a lean, bony, but very athletic man; exother hero of the age. His eyes had naturalenough to have supported the sails of a windmill. It is hard to form a fitting mental conthis individual when influenced by liquor, which truly appeared to be the proper and indulge in laughter at his expense was a most I insult him, and how he takes it!" perilous species of amusement; for, if the keen white eyes detected the fact, they instantly turned red and lurid as livid coals, and the sledge hammer of a hand was always prompt to strike as the head of a rattlesnake. | fore receive a voluntary wrong so calmly." "What brought you to the Crescent City at

"Oh, myself and old Sam got on a spree at the Supreme Court, and he bet me a hundred dollars that I would not come; and so, here I am !" was the characteristic answer. "Well, let us go in there and have a drink

together," invited the captain, pointing towards an establishment on the next corner. "Anywhere else but there," objected Henderson, earnestly. "Why not there?" asked Hays in astonisha

"Because, it is the favorite resort of Frenchman Bill and his bullies, and they make it a point-a sort of standing jest-to insult every | hand and his long black beard with the other, American that enters the door," urged the

"Frence Bill! I think that I have heard

" No doubt of that, ' returned the other

that name before," remarked the captain

tol as the sword, and the first one of his nation who ever fought with double-barrelled touch the trigger." "Did he not shoot Colonel Marks, of Mo

"Yes; and a score of others equally valiant as skilful; and what seems still more singular, he has never received a scratch in any of his numerous battles. His friends besteel, like the great Napoleon.'

"Well, we will find some other place." suggested Hays; "for I do not wish a difficulty with such a wild beast."

"But, for my part, I intend to drink in that I might ever hope to taste," affirmed Den Cullum, with a strange gleam in his burning In vain the General and Captain both

warmly remonstrated against such useless temerity. To all their arguments and entrea ties the young man replied : "I would blush | the bullies and gamblers of the Crescent City to my very bones, and never show my face in Texas again, if I acted as you propose."

Seeing his unalterable determination, his

companions exacted a promise of special forbearance and good behavior, and the three went on to the lion's den. On a large sign the establishment- 'Jenny Lind Saloon, for Ladies and Gentlemen. The small party of Texans marched up to

the bar, and Ben Cullum, in a courteous tone, called for brandy. As they touched their glasses and glaced around the vast hall where numbers were dining at different tables, they could not fail to notice the striking sensation which their advent had excited. All the vis ages were French, and from their dress and general appearance, might have been surposed to be members of a genteel class. But all such indications, in city life, are deceitful; and these men of gaudy fashion and perfumed whiskers ascended no higher in the scale of society than the grade of professional gamblers, or that of bullies and runners for disreputable houses. Some of them gazed upon ing through. They appeared to claim a suffi- the Texans with signs of pity, others with staring wonder, but most with countenances of unditguised contempt.

"Let us have three dozen fried oysters, ordered Callom with smiling features; and he ordinary stature, approaching the meridian of advanced to the centre of the saloon, and life, with an aspect of equal courage, intelli- reating himself by a table of mottled marble, ricked up a newspaper and began to glance over the columns with the easy air of one who "Not there! You must not take that ta-

ble!" exclaimed the proprietor of the establishment, in tones of unfeigned terror, rushing forward and indicating another position. "But why should I not remain here!" asked the youth in a careless voice.

"Because, that is the situation which French Bill always chooses, and I am expecting him every moment," returned the owner, trembling and actually pale with apprehension. "There is plenty of room for both of us," remarked the Texan, with unruffled equa-

nimity.

"What! do you imagine that French Bill would eat at the same board with an American?" cried the other, with a look of stupefaction; as if he doubted the evidence of his senses at such unaccountable audacity and presumption. "It is a matter of perfect indifference to

me, whether your bully dines or not," answered Ben, fixing his eyes again on the newspaper. The fellow must be crazy," muttered the

bewildered proprietor, as he retreated behind the bar, as if to be out of the way when the impending explosion should occur. Indeed, an ominous murmur arose from all parts of the hall. "The man is a fool!" ob.

served one. "He will cut his wisdom teeth before the day is an hour older !" added anther. "Won't Bill swear the very devil out of his den when he finds the knight of the The General and cap's n both whispered to

their friend to retire, but he refused even as take an insult timely," answered Hays, in much as to answer their request, and they tranquil yet determined tones; "but I deem | moved to a different table, heping that the it both folly and inhumanity to provoke acts duellist, when he should enter, would regard which naturally tend to useless and cruel the intrusion of a single stranger as merely accidental, and pass it over as such.

Soon a middle-aged person, in gold spectacles, approached the young ranger, and touching his rainbow blanket, inquired with an aspect of withering irony-" My dear boy, will you pardon my curiosity, but is this pretty thing you wear with so much grace really bullet proof?

"You are welcome to try the experiment

"It will be tried quicker than you expect," remarked the other, turning to the counter

Presently, several footsteps resounded at the door, accompanied by a shout of boister-Dauphine, into a locality of rather dubious ous laughter, and a score of visages grew palreputation for quiet and orderly conduct; and | lid with agitation at the bare idea of the coming scene, as a general whisper announced and much-admired

-" There he is! God pity the poor Texan!" At the instant French Bill entered, and striding to the bar, called for champagne and broiled chicken. General Henderson and annoyed by the emotions which their presence | Captain Hays gazed upon the notorious dueleverywhere seemed to produce; for most of list, and started, in spite of their coolness and the pretty women that they met colored to courage, at the extraordinary ferocity of his the eyes, while several of the bolder sex appearance. He was a man of herculean scowled furiously, but for what reason the frame, and seemingly endowed with fabulous ranger could not possibly imagine, as he did strength, if one might judge by his enormous not observe the sly winks which Ben, with in- breadth and bone, and the swelling volumes discriminate profusion, dealt in all directions of sinews about his joints, that looked like bundles of steel fibres, from their fimness and elasticity. His countenance was concealed by a perfect jungle of black hair-all save the dagger like blazing dark eyes, and a long What, boys! have you both just dropped down nose, crooked as the beak of an eagle. Whereever his dress would allow it to be seen, the "How are you, General Henderson? How sable bristling hair showed itself all over him, happen you to be here?" exclaimed the even to the ends of his fingers. In fine, he resembled a wild beast clothed in the costume

The proprietor of the saloon whispered some thing in the ear of the savage, and uttering a tremely tall, indeed-so much so, that he half-stifled cry of mingled astonishment and commonly boasted, after the tenth glass, of rage, he turned his eyes towards the marble having more daylight under him than any table where the young ranger sat reading, apparently in a state of profound abstraction ly the same tint as his hair, and both were of Murderous passion shook the quivering bosom the purest white, while his arms looked long of the bully like an electric storm, as he walked with a tread like that of an elephant across the floor, and seated himself opposite the inception of the ludicrous figure exhibited by truder at his usual place. He then snatched the newspaper from the other's hand, and glanced around at the spectators with a trinormal state of his nervous system. But to umphant look, which implied-" You see how Ben Cullum looked at him with a smile of

imperturbable tranquility, but spoke not a syllable. "What can he mean," murmured Hays to Henderson. "I never saw him be-French Bill then jerked the Mexican blanthis season of the year, General?" inquired | ket from the shoulders of the youth, and, throwing it down, put his foot upon it, uttering at the same time a low chuckle, that sounded hoarse as the laugh of a fiend !

The ranger slightly colored, and gazed with the same singular smile into the eyes of the duellist, as if he would vanquish him by a "Coward and "illain!" suddenly vocifer-

ated the bully, "if you have a spark of manhood in your poltroon's heart, show us how they resent insults in Texas! Then, quick as a flash of lightning from a

thunder cloud, Ben Cullum bounded to his feet, and grasping French Bill's nose with one opened his jaws, and discharged a volley of tobacco juice into his mouth, and immediately hurled him upon the floor as easily as if he had been an infant. In a mement the duellist arose, feaming at

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as you are," fulminated the ranger. "Let us shot guns, and killed his foe ere he could eress the lake and settle the issue with bowie knives !" "Bowie knives!" repeated the Frenchman, with a countenance of unmitigated horror-

> by the code of honor.' "Bowie knives!" echoed the satellites of the Jenny Lind saloon for ladies and gentlemen. " Bowie knives are the weapons of sav-

'Are they indeed ?" exclaimed the Texan. with a terrible laugh. "Then this is the right sort of crowd to try their steel !" and he drew "But, for my part, I intend to drink in that from his bosom a glittering blade nearly two house, even if it should be the last cup which feet in length, and rushed towards his foes. But none of them thought it advisable to wait for the result of the experiment. With pale lips and frightened cries, the entire throng took to their heels, French Bill leading the rout, and calling for the police in horrified accents. And from that day forward, have manifested the utmost respect for the rainbow tints of a Mexican blanket.

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